

by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments in part B except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Small Business Committee or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of October 30, 2009, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing unemployment compensation. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Ryan of Ohio, Graves and Foxx.

RECOVERY ACT BROADBAND INVESTMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Recovery Act and Broad Evaluation of Broadband Investments on Small Businesses and Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and a public witness.

NEXTGEN AVIATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on NEXTGEN: A Review of the RTCA Mid-Term Implementation Task Force Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Hank Krabowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, both with the FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3949, Veterans’ Small Business Assistance and Servicemen’s Protection Act of 2009; and, as amended, H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine advancing United States interests in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1230)

H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 28, 2009. (Public Law 111–83)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009”, and revised subcommittee organization for the 111th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine performance-informed budgeting, focusing on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located